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Dear Examiner Michener,

Please be advised that I have filed a *Notice of Express Abandonment* yesterday with the U.S. Patent Office along with a Continuation-In-Part Application. I am enclosing a copy of the *Notice* for your records.

Please let me know if there is anything further that we need to do to assist you in this matter.

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EXPRESS ABANDONMENT IN FAVOR
OF A CONTINUING APPLICATION (37 CFR 1.134(a))

As Attorney of Record, I hereby request that the above-identified application be expressly abandoned as of the filing date according the continuing application filed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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